

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend claims 2, 5, 6 and 22, as follows, with a marked-up copy of the amended claims being included in the Appendix attached to this reply:

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2. In combination, a water draining device and a paper machine;

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said water draining device comprising a receiving tank, said receiving tank including a first chamber under ambient pressure and capable of receiving and collecting arriving water under ambient pressure, and a second chamber connected to said first chamber, said second chamber being connectable to a vacuum source so that said second chamber can be placed under vacuum for aspirating water collecting in the first chamber into said second chamber, <sup>with said</sup> and said second chamber including at least one drain from which water can be drained from said second chamber;

said paper machine having a machine width; and

said draining device extending at least substantially over the machine width.

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5. (Amended) The combination according to claim 4 including apertures distributed over the machine width, said apertures connecting said first chamber and said second chamber.

6. (Amended) The combination according to claim 2 including apertures distributed over the machine width, said apertures connecting said first chamber and said second chamber.

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A3  
22. (Amended) A method of draining water from a press arrangement serving to dewater a pulp web which includes at least one elongated press nip in a direction of web travel, comprising: